

Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Former Southwest Tennessee Community College Assistant Professor Indicted

Charged with Stealing Thousands from Student Nursing Government Association

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Nadia Wilson, a former nursing assistant professor at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, Tennessee.

Wilson served as the faculty advisor to the college's Student Nursing Government Association which serves as the representative voice of the nursing student body. The organization raises funds from student fees and fundraisers.

Wilson admitted to school officials that she had used the association's funds for personal purposes. She subsequently resigned her position in February 2016.

Comptroller investigators determined that Wilson stole at least \$10,480.82 from the association; however, the cash shortage could be greater due to the condition of the accounting records and missing receipt books. Investigators noted the use of cash, check card purchases, and ATM withdrawals. Wilson admitted to investigators that she took the funds during a period of personal financial hardship.

Although Wilson has repaid the association \$5,300, a cash shortage balance of \$5,180.82 still exists (\$10,480.82 less \$5,300).

In October 2017, Nadia Wilson was indicted by the Shelby County Grand Jury on one count of theft of property over \$10,000. She was booked into the Shelby County Jail on November 30, 2017.

"The former assistant professor had complete control over the association's money," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "This weakness comes up time and again and invites trouble. Financial responsibilities must be separated between multiple people to allow for good checks and balances."

To view the investigation online, go to: http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/.

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